United Church of Christ of California – California, MO

Rev. Russell Cobb **Pastor**
Mrs. Beth Dampf **Organist**
Mrs. Connie Bestgen **God's Singers Director**

January 29, 2023 ~ The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

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* - *All those who are able, please stand.*

The Bell

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles Brenyn Robertson and Brynna Hall
Choral Opening
Welcome and Announcements

Mission Moment: Gideons – Tom Ogle

*A special offering will be received for the **Gideons International.** All loose plate offerings, as well as checks so designated, will be forwarded to the local Gideons camp.*

*Call to Worship

We praise you, Almighty God, for the gift of this day.
Your Spirit has gathered us to be the church of Jesus Christ.
May we grow in your wisdom and grace.
May we worship you with awe and wonder.
Come, Holy Spirit, fill our hearts with your joy! **Amen.**

*Hymn No. 393 "Rejoice, the Lord Is King"

*Prayer of the Day

Most Gracious God, make us one as we worship you. May our hearts be filled with your love and may our voices blend with your praise. Together may we serve you with exuberant and enduring joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Call to Praise

O Lord, open our lips!

And our mouths shall show forth your praise!

*Act of Praise – "Gloria Patri"

Invitation to Children's Time

Hymn for Children "Jesus Loves Me"

Children's Time Puppets

Anthem "Love the Lord" God's Singers

Prayer for Illumination Judy Burger

Lead your church, O Living God, so that your word may be written in our hearts. Lead us in the way of Christ Jesus, your Son, so that we may share in his ministry and enjoy his life. Lead us to the truth that sets all your children free. We pray in the name and Spirit of Jesus Christ, our crucified, risen, and reigning Lord. Amen.

Scripture Lessons

First Lesson: Matthew 25:1-13 p. 860

Second Lesson: II Thessalonians 2:13-17 p. 1032

Sermon **Focused: Awake & Sober**
I Thessalonians 5

Hymn No. 27 "How Great Thou Art"

Christians, what do you believe?

(Apostles' Creed) **I believe in God the Father, Almighty…**

Prayer of Intercession

The Lord's Prayer (*debts and debtors*)
Invitation to the Offering

*Response *"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

*Prayer of Dedication

*****Hymn No. 385 *"On Eagle's Wings"*

*Benediction

*Congregational Response – "Go in Love"

Go in love, have no fear.
God will guide you, He is always near.
Go in love, take His hand.
God will hear you, He will understand.
May His light forever shine upon you;
May His peace be always in your heart.
Go in love, face each day.
God will lead you, He will show the way.
Go in love, and live in faith. Amen.

*Postlude

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Wednesday Evening Meal, February 1st ~ 6pm

Peppered Beef with Roasted Garlic Sauce, Mashed Potatoes, Sweet Glazed Carrots, Salad and Rolls

Don't forget to sign up!

A **Nursery** is available in the upstairs hallway, just outside the sanctuary. The nursery volunteer is **Courtney Cassil**. There are activity bags at the back of the sanctuary for children that stay in the worship service.

Need some help with hearing? See an usher at the back of the sanctuary to check out a hearing assisted unit for your personal use in the sanctuary and in the Friendship Hall. We have new units available.

Notice the "Connection Cards" in the pews. They are for our guests or anyone that has a prayer request or needs more information about the church. Please place it in the offering plate.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST OF CALIFORNIA TODAY IN THE SANCTUARY IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP.

A luncheon will be provided (in Friendship Hall) after the meeting.

Offering Envelope Boxes

Offering envelope boxes for 2023 have been delayed. The company is experiencing difficulties getting them printed. Estimated arrival time hopefully by end of January. We have some blank envelopes with labels for you to pick up in the back of the church, stop by the church office or feel free to use your own envelope until they come in. Be sure to put your name on the envelope. Keep in mind, online giving is also an option.

Giving Made Easy

Need assistance with online giving?
Ginnie Medlin would be happy to walk you through the process or follow the E-Giving link on our website:
calmo-ucc.org to give today or set recurring gifts.

rightnow MEDIA

To get access to Right Now Media for you and your family use the link or text to the number listed below.
Custom Registration Link – https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Account/Invite/CALUCC

Text Registration Code – UCOC to 4977

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Sundays at New Life Christian Center
A Christ-Centered 12 Step Support Group for folks dealing with various dependencies, and/or trauma from mental, emotional or relational situations in their lives. Contact Frank Hensley, minister at New Life Christian Center, for more information.

Dreaming of Summer?
Start thinking about Summer Camp!
2023 Camp Aurora dates and information are available on their website at www.campaurora.org, see the flyers posted or contact Cinda Scheidt. Keep in mind, Sunday School will pay ½ of early registration fee for church member and one friend so mark your calendars !

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world." John 8:12

Acolyte Training for anyone 3rd grade through 7th grade

Wednesday, February 1st at 5:15 pm (or as soon as you can get there) Meet in the choir room. Will practice until it's time for the 6pm Wednesday evening meal. Please contact Courtney Cassil if you have questions or need to set up another time if your child is interested but can't make this training. 573-680-5347

Activities Calendar: January 29, 2023 ~ February 5, 2023

Sunday, January 29th

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship

Annual Meeting in Sanctuary after worship.

Luncheon in Friendship Hall after the Annual Meeting.

Tuesday, January 31st

9:00 a.m. – Prayer Cell

6:30 p.m. – Grief Share

Wednesday, February 1st

5:15 p.m.- Acolyte Training

6:00 p.m. – Fellowship Meal

6:30 p.m. – Confirmation, ROK/God's Singers Bell Choir, Bible Study

7:30 p.m. – Sr. Choir

Sunday, February 5th

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship

Looking ahead.....

February 6th – Sunday School Teachers and Officers

February 13th – Consistory

February 19th – Sunday School Family Game Night-Chili/Soup Cookoff

Please pray for these . . .

Love & Justice in God's World

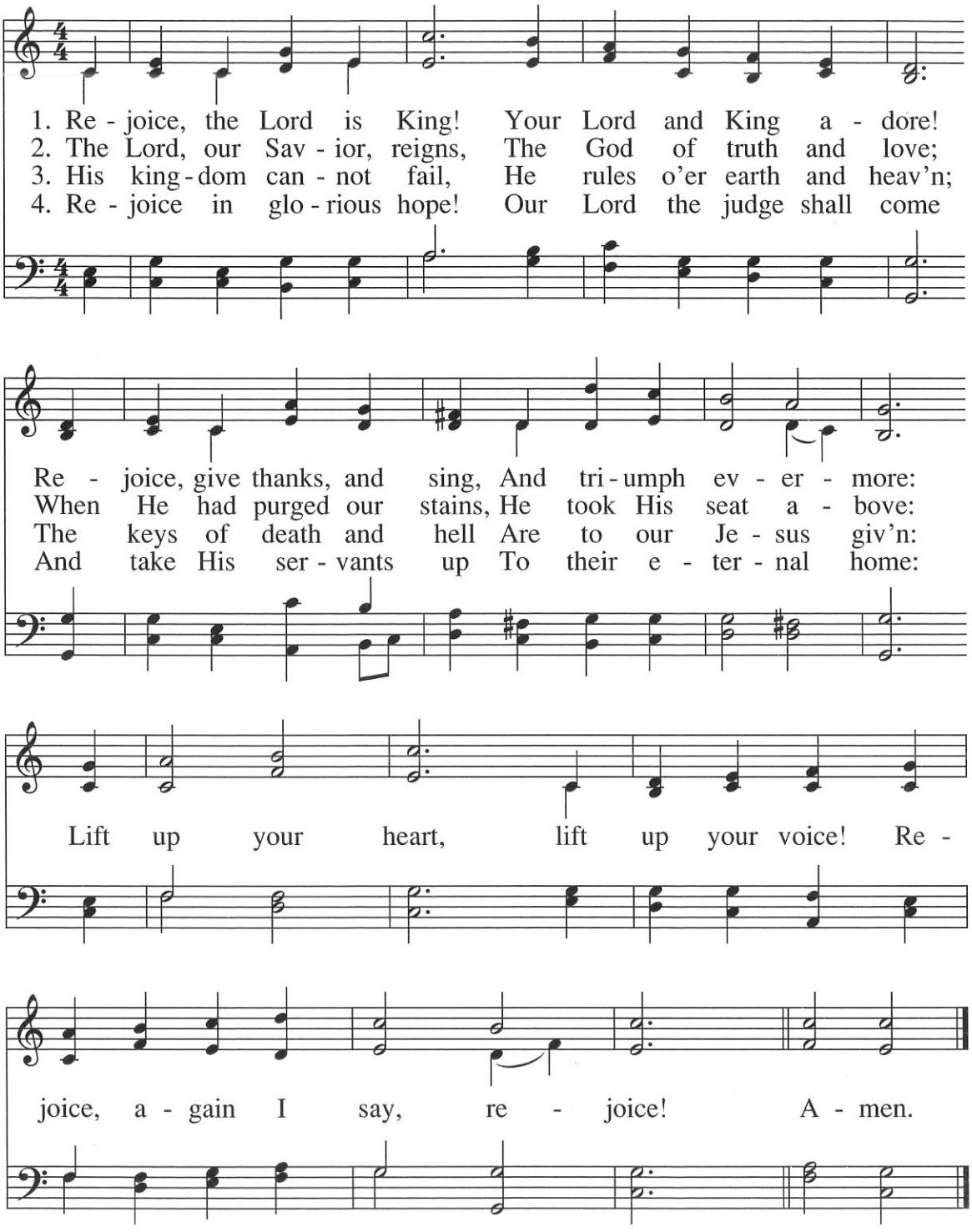
Our Confirmands:
Cooper Brandes, Ella Burger, Emily Burger, Bella Fulks, Hunter Hall, Caleb Howard, and Hadley Milligan

All Those Who Need Our Prayers, including:
Becky Zuidervaart Bill Schacht Kim (Yelton) Haesemeier
Jo Suggs Chris Schoenthal
Judy Kilmer

All Those Serving in the U.S. Military, including:
Martin Knipker *(son of Kenny Knipker)*
Dwight Bowlin *(grandson of Jack & the late Carole Bowlin, Fort Campbell, KY)*
Dakota Meyer *(grandson of Billy Meyer, Ft. Carson, Colorado Springs, CO)*
Madelynn Perry *(granddaughter of Jan Anderson, army – Europe)*
Dylan Ash *(son of Lanny & Ellen Ash, stationed at Oak Harbor, WA)*
Hayden Grant *(grandson of Kathy Grant, Air Force, Pensacola, FL)*
Alexander Ives *(nephew of Pamela Hill, Army – Fort Sill, OK)*
Cory Friedmeyer *(grandson of Charles Goode, Marines, 29 Palms, CA)*
Derek Meyer *(grandson of Elaine & Eldred Proctor, Army, Monterey, CA)*
Brett Street (*grandson of Jenine Baker, Army, Ft. Elmendorf, AK*)
Damion Street (*grandson of Jenine Baker, Army, Munich, Germany)*

Sermon Notes: **Focused: Awake & Sober I Thessalonians 5**

Rejoice, the Lord Is King



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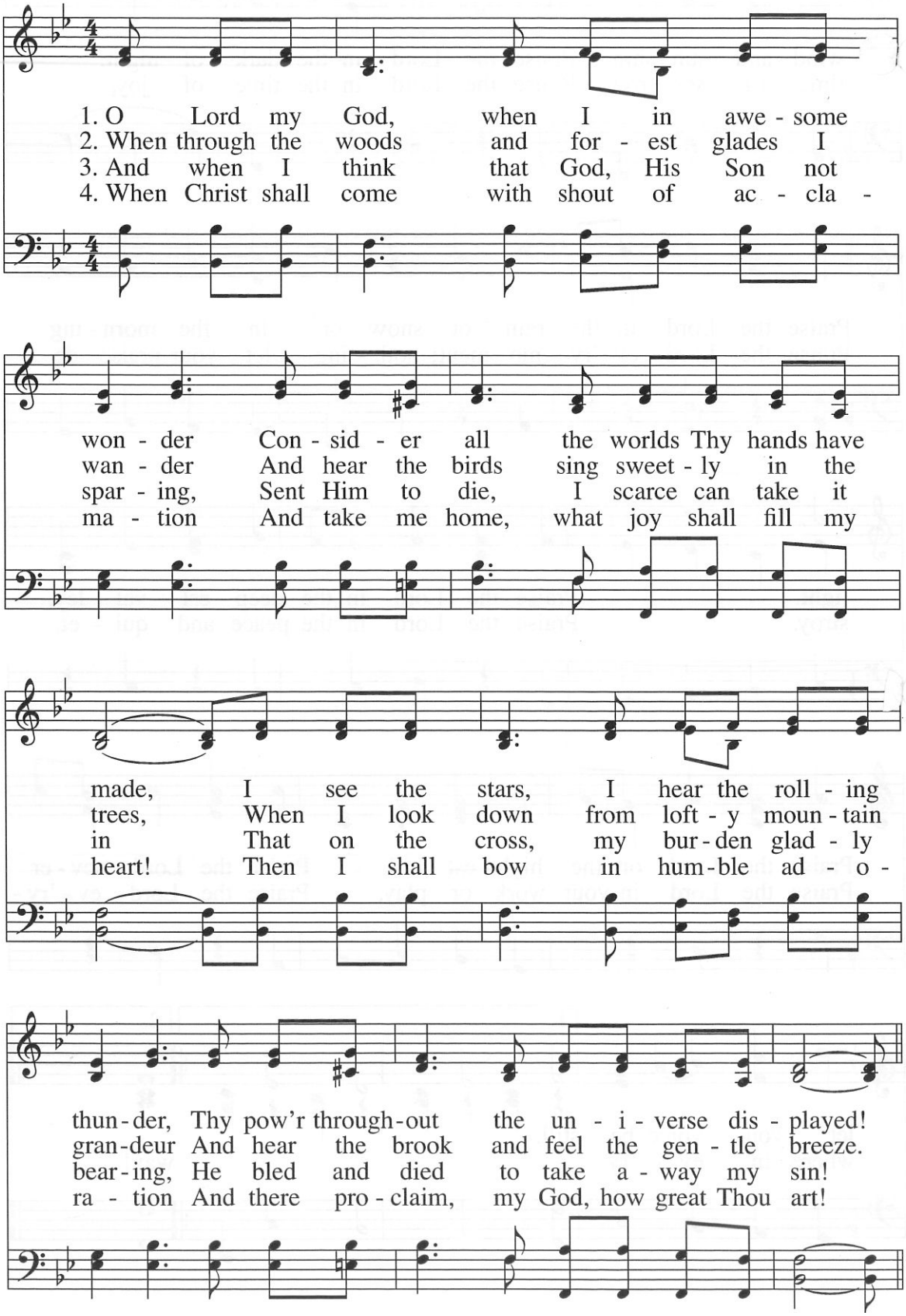

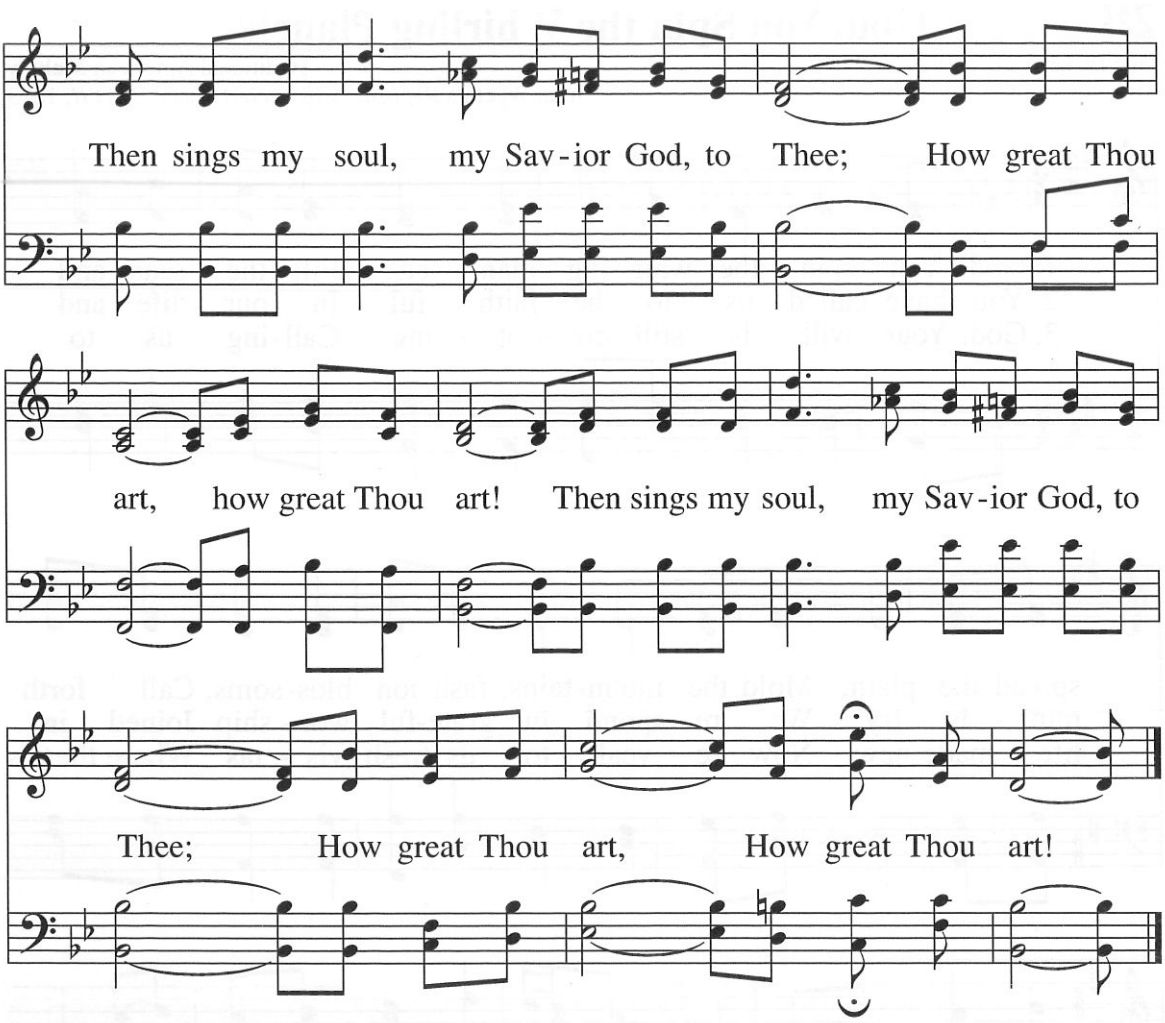

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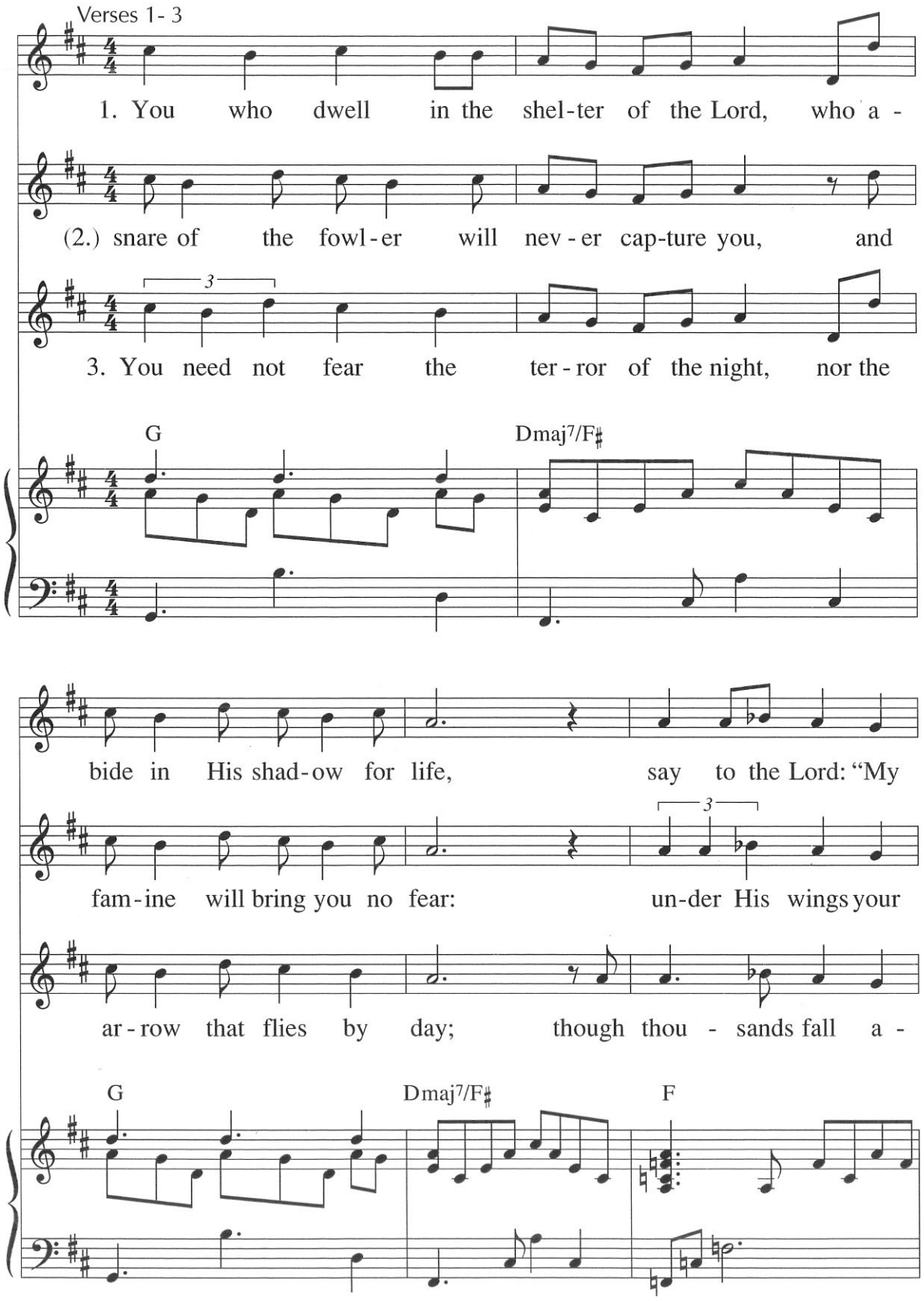
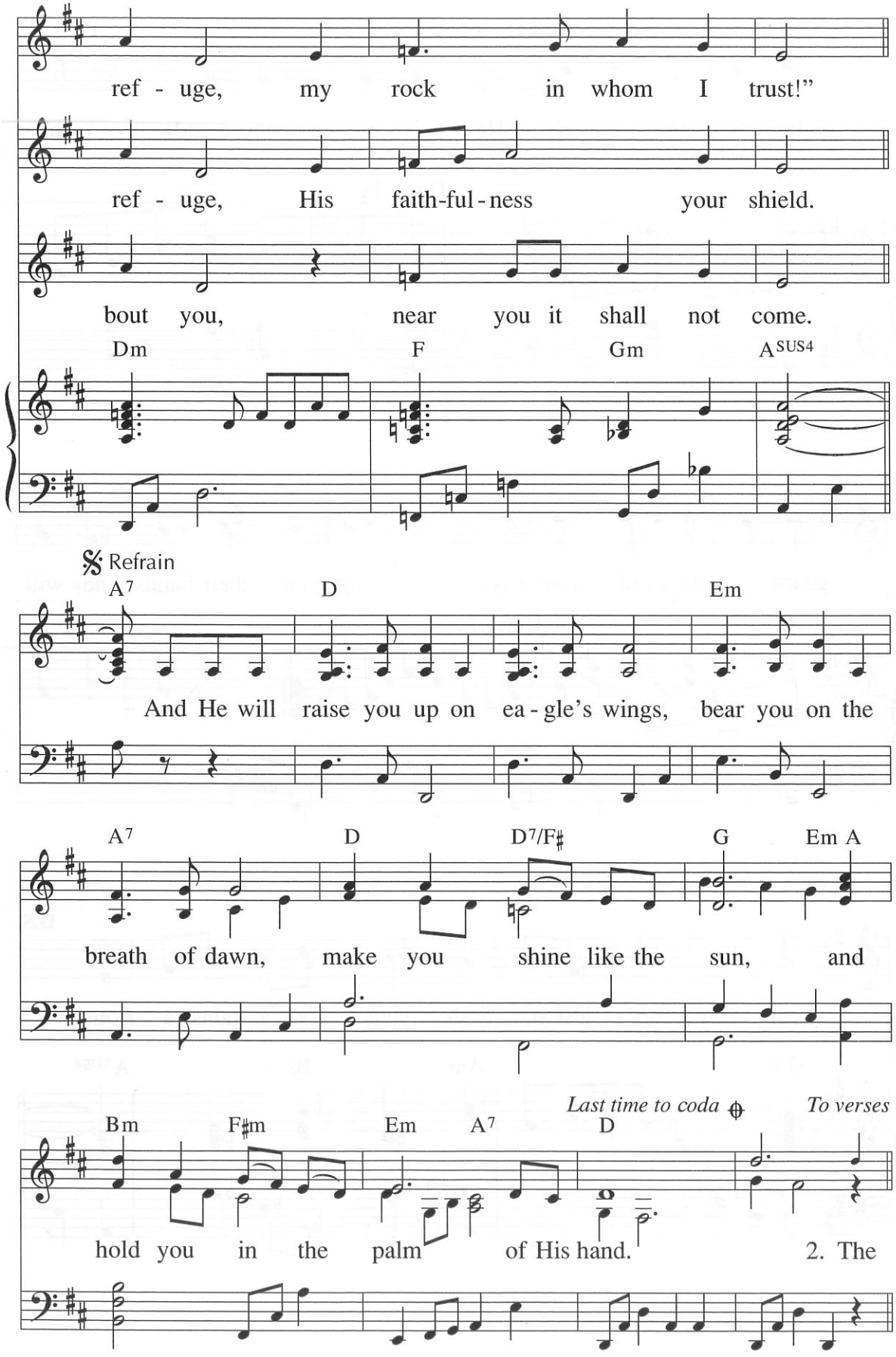
On Eagle's Wings

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ref - uge, His faith-ful-ness your shield.
bout you, near you it shall not come.
Dm F Gm A SUS4
Refrain
A7 D Em
And He will raise you up on ea - gle's wings, bear you on the
A7 D D7/F♯ G Em A
breath of dawn, make you shine like the sun, and
Last time to coda
To verses
Bm F♯m Em A7 D
hold you in the palm of His hand.
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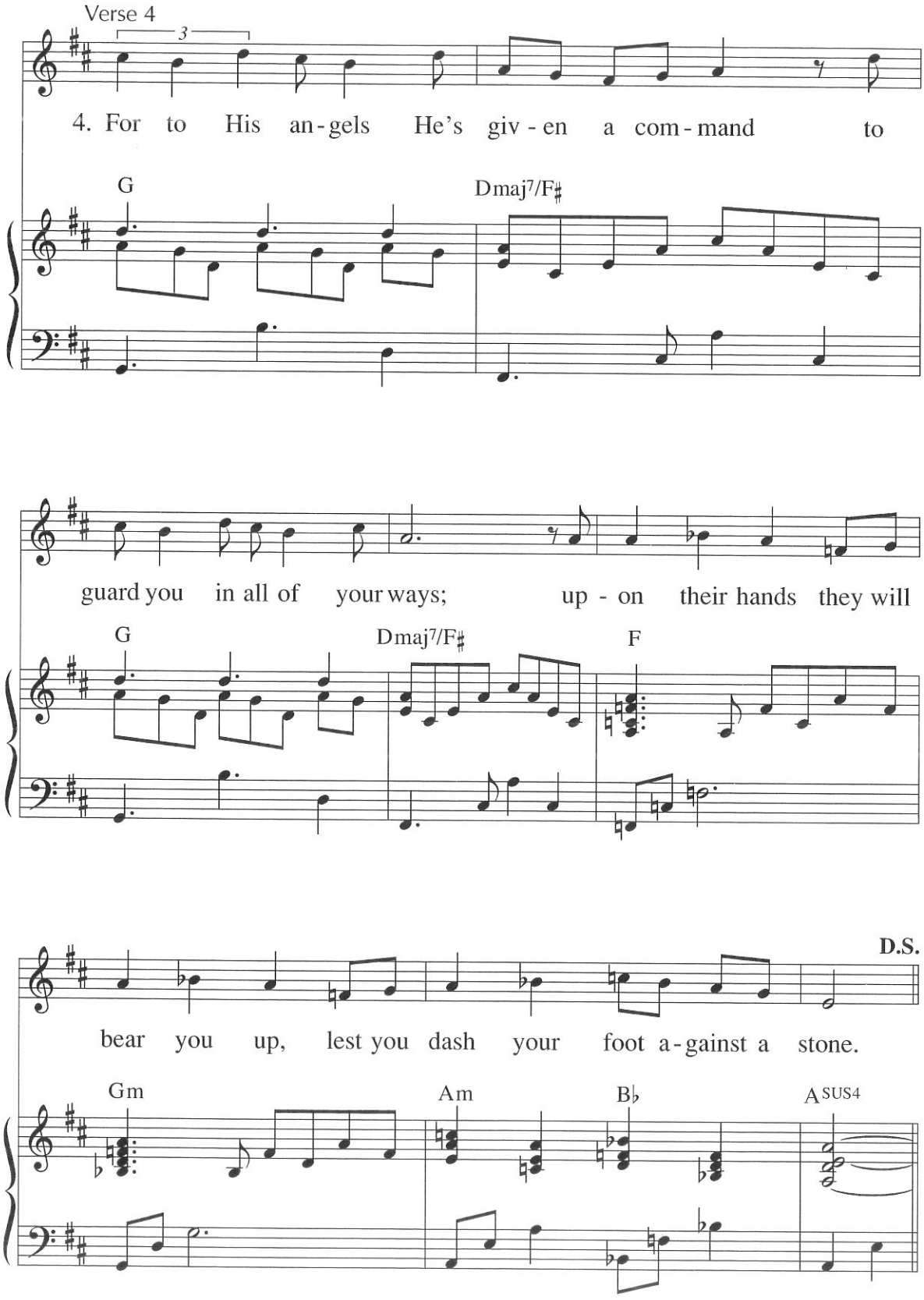
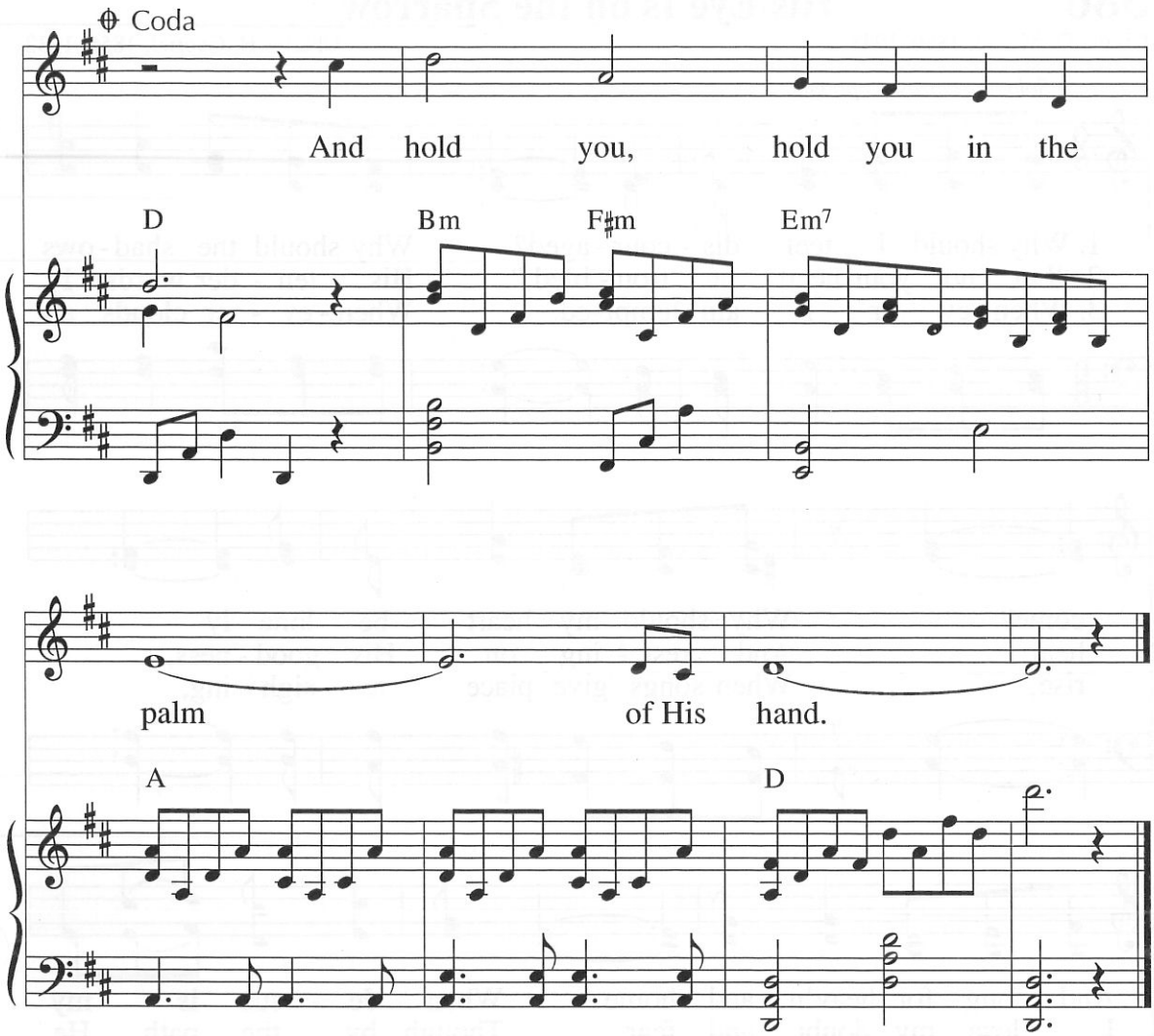

Verse 4
3
4. For to His an - gels He's giv - en a com - mand to
G
Dmaj7/F♯
guard you in all of your ways; up - on their hands they will
G
Dmaj7/F♯
F
D.S.
bear you up, lest you dash your foot a - gainst a stone.
Gm
Am
B♭
ASUS4



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THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he arose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the one Holy universal Christian Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory for ever. Amen.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

KYRIE

Minister: Lord, have mercy upon us.
Congregation: **Lord, have mercy upon us.**
Minister: Christ, have mercy upon us.
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